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REMARKS

Claims 13, 14, 18, 21, 23 and 27 have been amended herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 13, 14, 17, 18, and 20-27 will be pending in the above-identified application.

Section 102

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 13, 14, 17, 18, and 20-27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,710,884 (Dedrick).

Dedrick discloses a personal profile server having a personal profile for a user stored thereon, and a client system communicating with the personal profile server. The client system includes a client activity monitor for tracking consumer variables corresponding to use of the client system by the user, and a personal profile database having at least a portion of the user's personal profile stored therein. The client activity monitor tracks the consumer variables and updates the user's personal profile database accordingly. The user's personal profile stored on the personal profile server is then updated from the profile stored on the client system at pre-determined intervals.

Claims 13 and 26 recite a user information processing system comprising a terminal unit for accumulating terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by a user and the profile information of the user, *wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit*, and a server for producing the profile information on the basis of the *accumulated terminal use record information*. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest a terminal unit for accumulating terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by a user and the profile information of the user, wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit. Furthermore, Dedrick does not disclose or suggest a server for producing profile information on the basis of the accumulated terminal use record information. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a

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client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 13 and 26 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 14 and 17 recite a terminal unit comprising use record information writing means for writing use record information used by the user, *transmitting means for transmitting the use record information accumulated in storing means to profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit* for every prescribed timing, and profile information writing means for receiving the profile information of the user based on the use record information, *wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit*. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest a terminal unit having writing means for writing use record information and profile information writing means for receiving the profile information of the user, wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit. Furthermore, Dedrick does not disclose or suggest transmitting means for transmitting use record information accumulated in storing means to profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 14 and 17 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 18 and 20 recite a terminal unit comprising use record information writing means for writing use record information used by a user in prescribed storing means detachably provided in the terminal unit, and profile information writing means for writing profile information of the user in the storing means, *wherein the profile information is generated by a profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit* on the basis of the use record information accumulated in the storing means, and *wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit*. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest a terminal unit having use record information writing means for writing use record information and profile information writing means for writing profile information of the user, wherein at least one of the use record information and the

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profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit. Furthermore, Dedrick does not disclose or suggest profile information writing means for writing profile information of a user in storing means, wherein the profile information is generated by a profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 18 and 20 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 21 and 22 recite an apparatus for providing information to a *terminal unit remote from the apparatus*, wherein the apparatus comprises *profile information generating means* for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit, *wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit*, and *transmitting means* for transmitting the generated profile information to the terminal unit. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, wherein the apparatus comprises profile information generating means for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit, wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit. Furthermore, Dedrick does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing information to a *terminal unit remote from the apparatus*, wherein the apparatus includes *profile information generating means* for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit, and *transmitting means* for transmitting the generated profile information to the terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 21 and 22 is improper and should be withdrawn.

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Claims 23-25 recite an apparatus for providing information to a *terminal unit remote from the apparatus*, wherein the apparatus comprises *profile information generating means* for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit, *wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit*. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest at least one of use record information and profile information including identifying information for a terminal unit. Furthermore, Dedrick does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, wherein the apparatus includes profile information generating means for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of the terminal unit of the user transmitted from the terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 23-25 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claim 27 recites a user information processing system comprising a terminal unit adapted to accumulate terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by a user, and a *server adapted to generate profile information of the user on the basis of the terminal use record information accumulated by the terminal unit, wherein at least one of the use record information and the profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit*. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest at least one of use record information and profile information including identifying information for a terminal unit. Furthermore, Dedrick does not disclose or suggest a server adapted to generate profile information of the user on the basis of the terminal use record information accumulated by the terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claim 27 is improper and should be withdrawn.

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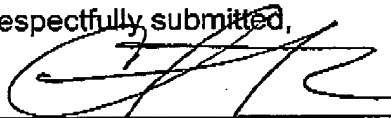
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by an interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

As it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests a favorable action and Notice of Allowance.

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